House hold employment

1720. SHRI S.M LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to target Five crore for house holds for employing one able bodied person from each family for hundred days of work,

(b) the amount approximately required to give the promise a shape; and

(c) the source from which funds would be raised?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c) The work on drafting a Bill for National Employment Guarantee Act to provide 100 days of employment to one member of a poor household has begun. The requirement of funds and the number of household to be covered are yet to be finalized. Necessary funds would be provided by Central/State Governments as per the requirement. In the mean time, Food for work programme in 150 most backward districts has been announced in the Budget for the current year.

Job-seekers in A.P.

1721. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that according to the latest figures, the number of job-seekers on the 'live register' in Andhra Pradesh was 26.7 lakh;

(b) if so, the details concerning the State of Andhra Pradesh from the repoft released recently by the Employment Directorate; and

(c) the steps being taken to provide jobs to the job-seekers in various parts of the country with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Number of job-seekers all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges in Andhra Pradesh were approximately 26.7 lakh. In Andhra Pradesh around 2.2 lakh job-seekers registered for jobs during the year 2003.